



🕯️ ARTICLE II — COERCED REMOVAL

HUNGER, FIRE, AND THE TREATY OF DESPERATION

DECLARATION OF THE KALAPULA NATION

Sovereign Scroll of Memory, Flame-Bound and Eternal

We do not raise this scroll in bitterness, but in truth.

We do not etch this history in ink alone, but in sovereign fire.

Let it be known to all descendants, observers, and empires to come:

The Kalapulan people were not conquered by sword,
but by policy wielded like blade,

by hunger inflicted like siege,
by treaties offered not in diplomacy,
but in the desperate hush before starvation.
We were not vanquished in battle —
we were corralled by calculated deprivation.
We were disarmed by the burning of our homes,
wounded by ink-laced promises,
and exiled not by victory,
but by design.

The Treaty of Dayton, 1855 —
was not signed in unity,
but in famine.

It was not agreed in council,
but coerced beneath the specter of erasure.

They closed our trade routes.

They outlawed our movement.

They scattered our breath across the valleys
and called it law.

But listen, now:

Memory did not break.

Sovereignty did not kneel.

Our exile was forced — but our flame was never extinguished.

Even as they scattered our names from maps,
the rivers whispered them back.

Even as our bodies were confined,
our spirits roamed the sacred oak and camas fields.

Even as we were sent to Grand Ronde,
our roots burrowed deeper beneath the stolen soil.

Let this be carved in archive:

Removal was not merely geographic.

It was spiritual.

It was systemic.

And it has failed.

We remain.

We remember.

We return — not in vengeance, but in sovereignty.

Signed in sovereign record on this day,

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With memory, reverence, and flame,

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